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INTO THE HUNDREDS

Will Reach the Loss of Life by the Western Floods.

ALL CONFUSION AT SIOUX CITY.

Where the Death Roll Will Number Over a Hundred--But a Partial List of the Victims--Some Thrilling Incidents of the Disaster--One Man Saves Twenty-Eight Lives--The Flood News From Other Points.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 19.--The city is practically cut off from all communication with the outside world by the high water and such is the confusion within the city that it is difficult to obtain the names of the victims of the flood. Few bodies have been recovered and it is doubtful if they will ever be found. The following is the list who are given up as lost as far as was known at 1 o'clock this afternoon:

Nellie West, Mrs. Louise Homer, A. Anderson, wife and child, H. M. Ender, wife and child, A. P. McLaren, Wm. Stone, Wm. Rowe, Mrs. Louise Homer's two children, Mrs. Frank Luther and child; a year old son and seven year old daughter of Leonard, George Cox, a child of four, Geo. C. Miller, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Anderson, Robert Karney, Frank Henderson, wife and child, two unknown boatmen, Mrs. N. Pickens, Mrs. Peter Rasmussen, and two children; two unknown men.

The loss to the railroads is estimated at \$200,000. The stock yards are on lower ground and no estimate of their loss can be made. The citizens relief commission have been working hard all day. No one lacked shelter last night. Friends and relatives rare for great numbers who had fled to high ground. Searching parties to look for dead bodies began work early this morning, but at noon the authorities report only a few bodies recovered and identified. The estimates as to the loss of life vary from 60 to 100, but at present no list can be given of the dead. The terrorized people have sought refuge in so many quarters that it is impossible to exactly figure what the number on the death roll will be.

Some heroic scenes were witnessed in the attempts to save the unhappy victims. At the Omaha bridge the West family met disaster. Mrs. West and her five-year old girl were unable to get away from the flood in time. The father and two children were saved, and the rescuing party was returning for Mrs. West and her child when the waves swept the house away. They floated down with the roaring current until the bridge was reached. An engineer succeeded in saving the woman, but her strength failed her and she was compelled to relinquish her hold on her child. With a despairing cry of "Mama" the child disappeared beneath the waves.

Observers on the high bridge counted fifteen bodies that swept under it. Matt Roe, an old sailor, saved twenty-eight lives. A woman who managed to wade to a board gave birth to a child and two hours later was rescued. A woman named Hinton and three children were drowned in their own house. Two Swedish families were swept away.

D. E. Hedges, president of the Stock Yard company, estimated the loss to the stock yards and packing interests at \$450,000 to \$750,000; the loss to houses and furniture of the residents of the flooded district about \$750,000 and the stocks of goods damaged \$100,000. The damage to city in pavements, etc., will foot up over \$100,000. The rapid transit lines are considerable losers but the railroad companies suffered most.

Up the Floyd for twenty miles the Sioux City and Northwestern and Illinois Central tracks, built on embankments, are washed out or damaged. The loss of the Terminal company and of all the railroad companies, is estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. The total loss may exceed \$2,000,000, but only a fraction will fall directly upon individuals.

The citizens are carrying on an active relief campaign, and feel confident of their ability to provide for the destitute. Just below the stock yards is the iron bridge of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and against it lodged a tremendous mass of debris. Here houses were smashed to kindling wood, and it is heaped up with furniture, railroad ties and piles of dead animals.

Just two blocks away is the iron bridge of the Elevated road, and here is another similar judgment. It is believed that human bodies will be found in the masses.

There was neither gas nor electric lights last night, as both plants are under water.

D. P. Hodges, president of the United Stock Yards Company, estimates that the loss to the yards and packing houses at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Situation at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 19.--Water everywhere is the situation around the two Kansas cities to-day. The Missouri is rising slowly and the Kaw is booming. Argentine and Armourdale are again submerged. Harlem is a lake and on this side of the river bottoms are greatly disappearing under the wet element. The Kaw river in twenty-four hours has risen three feet, reaching six inches above high water mark of last week and is still rising. Reports from above show that a further rise of something like two feet will take in the next twenty-four hours.

The damage and inconvenience occasioned by its present stage is very great and the coming rise will doubtless increase both to an alarming extent. Armourdale is flooded by the Kaw water to a depth of from two to seven feet. The great packing houses, all of which are situated in the Armourdale flats, suspended work this morning and put their men to work at building embankments about their establishments, hoping thus to check the threatened invasion of their premises. The cellars of many of the establishments are full.

Great Flood at Cherokee.

CHEROKEE, Ia., May 19.--This city is passing through a flood excitement only a little less than the flood of last July. Were it not that most of the sufferers removed to higher ground the damage would be nearly as great in extent. The river this evening was still rising, though it is thought it cannot

continue much longer. Some of the buildings have been carried away. Damage to crops in the Little Sioux valley will be very great. Many alarming rumors are afloat. The city pumping works are under water and the city is threatened with a water famine.

Reports from Fort Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 19.--Reports today from the Floyd valley places the loss of life at from 125 to 165 lives at Sioux City. The Union stock yards have been swept away and other heavy damages have been done. The Des Moines here rose three feet during the night and is still rising. The city water works are surrounded and there is great danger that the supply will be shut off, which, with a fire in the high wind blowing, would be certain disaster.

Subsiding at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 19.--The high waters are subsiding here. Communication was opened with Omaha over the Burlington railroad last night. The loss to the Union Pacific road in bridges is very heavy. Lincoln was in darkness last night, the electric light and gas plants being flooded. The city is caring for 400 hundred people driven from their homes by floods.

It Rained Frogs.

MEXICO, Mo., May 19.--A heavy rain fall of frogs took place five miles from this town last night. The largest was on the farm of Philip Shearer, who estimated the number that he saw at 8,000 or 10,000. The frogs were of all sizes and alive.

Four Drowned.

CLARKSVILLE, Ark., May 19.--The flood in the Arkansas river is a very disastrous one. Yesterday two Germans who resided on the opposite side of the river were drowned while attempting to cross to this city and three children were drowned at a point a few miles above here.

One Sea of Water.

KEOKUK, Ia., May 19.--The Egyptian levee broke at 2 o'clock this morning, and in less than half an hour the thriving little town and the 11,000 acres of wheat surrounding it, was one sea of water several feet deep and nearly eight miles wide.

Weakened the Bridges.

TEXARKANA, Ark., May 19.--The Red river flood has greatly weakened all railroad bridges so that trains are no longer able to go over them. No mails from St. Louis have been received since Saturday last.

All the Rivers Swollen.

BOONE, Ia., May 19.--The rivers are all swollen as they have not been since the floods here in 1890, and many bridges are carried away. Water covers all the lower tracts of land.

Five Feet Under Water.

SALIS, Ia., May 19.--This town is five feet under water. The damage to property and stock is immense. All business is at a standstill.

Thousands of Acres Flooded.

ANNA, ILL., May 19.--Thousands of acres of wheat lands in the Mississippi bottoms of Union and Alexander counties are flooded by the overflow of river.

Cold Wave in Iowa.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 19.--A cold wave struck here yesterday. The thermometer dropped about forty degrees, the wind blowing fiercely and it is cold enough to snow.

THE G. A. R. TROUBLE.

Gen. Palmer's Statement of the Louisiana Difficulty--He Stands with the Majority and Recognizes no Color Line.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 19.--General Palmer, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was shown to-night the Associated Press dispatch from New Orleans stating that the division of Mississippi and Louisiana G. A. R. had surrendered their division charter on account of what they allege is an attempt on the part of General Palmer to force the division to admit the colored veterans, said:

"My knowledge of this question I obtained from the public press. The officers of the Louisiana department are fully aware of the action of the last national encampment. The eight white posts object to admitting the nine colored posts in that division. It is not reasonable to suppose that the representatives of eight posts can override the voice of nearly a half million men represented at the national encampment, where, at the last meeting in Detroit, they tried to have two separate departments established in that division, one for the white posts and one for the colored, so that each could hold separate meetings. This proposition, however, was rejected. The colored posts recently notified me that they had tendered their dues to the Louisiana department headquarters and were refused. I ordered the department commander to recognize these posts and to receive their dues. He refused, putting himself in open hostility to the rules of the national encampment. Nothing was left for me to do but to suspend him. The command of the department then devolved upon Senior Vice Commander Durkee, who I ordered should report to me by May 15 whether he had carried out my instructions to recognize these posts. Having failed to do so, an order will issue to-morrow suspending Mr. Durkee and designating the junior vice commander to take charge of the affairs of that department. If he declines to obey orders, then I shall be required to place some one else in command of the department."

Steamship News.

GENOA, May 19.--Arrived--Steamer Werra, New York.

BREMENHAVEN, May 19.--Arrived--Lahn, New York.

HAMBURG, May 19.--Arrived--Rugia, from New York.

BALTIMORE, May 19.--Arrived--Gera, from Bremen.

NEW YORK, May 19.--Arrived--Trave from Bremen, and Spaardam from Rotterdam.

Dyspepsia has driven to an early and even suicidal grave many a man who, if he had tried the virtues of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, would be alive to-day and in the enjoyment of health and competence. Sufferer, be warned in season, and don't allow the system to run down.

ANTI-HARRISON MEN.

Their Alleged Plan to Induce Secretary Blaine to Accept.

WITH ALGER FOR SECOND PLACE.

IF Mr. Blaine Declines to Rescind His Determination Not to Become a Presidential Candidate, Then the Entire Anti-Harrison Contingent Will Unite on General Alger--The Move Said to Have Been Decided on at the Conference.

DETROIT, Mich., May 19.--An afternoon paper says that it has it upon the best of authority that Tom Platt, of New York, and Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, were among the prominent Republicans at the Alger conference last night. According to this paper it was definitely decided to draw Secretary Blaine into the presidential race.

As soon as Gen. Clarkson reaches New York he will proceed directly to Washington, where a secret conference will be held with Secretary Blaine, and an effort will be made to have him consent to make the run. The paper adds: "In case Blaine consents to be nominated as a presidential candidate, Alger will be pushed for second place. This was also decided at last night's conference. In case nothing will induce Secretary Blaine to rescind his determination not to become a Presidential candidate, Alger will be pushed for the head of the ticket by the entire anti-Harrison contingent all over the country. He will then have behind him such leaders as Clarkson, Quay, Platt, Thurston, Lanston and Fassett, with all that that implies."

Chairman Clarkson left for New York on the noon train. He would say nothing in regard to the conference.

THE SILVER QUESTION

Again Up in the House--Mr. Pierce Reads His Party a Lesson.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.--The free silver men were greatly disappointed to-day when the chairman of the committee of the whole sustained the point of order against Mr. Bland's amendment, and their disappointment was renewed when the chairman also decided a modified amendment out of order. The decision left many of the silver men in an angry mood.

The third party received recognition this morning, and Mr. Watson, of Georgia, sent up to the clerk's desk and had read the terse resolution "that the committee on ways and means be requested to report the sub-treasury bill." He asked unanimous consent for its consideration, but Mr. Belzhoover's demand for the "regular order" operated as an objection.

After a fruitless call of committees the house went into committee of the whole (Mr. Lester, of Georgia, in the chair) on the sundry civil bill. The chair delivered his decision on the point of order made against the amendment offered by Mr. Bland yesterday for the coinage of all silver bullion purchased and now in the treasury into standard silver dollars, the cost of coinage to be paid out of the seigniorage, or gain to government, the remainder of the seigniorage to be covered into the treasury. It was conceded, said the chair, that the amendment changed existing law and therefore it would not be in order unless being germane, it reduced the amount covered by the bill. The clause in the bill relating to the coinage of abraded minor coins, the amendment to the coinage of the standard silver dollar.

The chair was unable to see how the amendment was germane to the subject matter of the clause. Did it reduce the amounts covered by the bill? The mere fact that it struck from the bill the appropriation of \$100,000 for the recoining of minor coins did not reduce the amounts, because it appropriated the seigniorage, which might amount to \$2,000,000. It did not reduce the amounts covered by the bill and might increase expenditures. He sustained the point of order and ruled out the amendment.

Mr. Bland then re-offered his amendment with the proviso attached to it "that the cost of this coinage shall not exceed \$95,000--\$5,000 of which shall be for the coinage of subsidiary silver and \$90,000 for standard silver dollars."

Mr. Bland said that he attached the proviso to the amendment in order to remove the objection of the chair, that it did not reduce the amounts covered by the bill.

Considerable discussion followed, and finally Mr. Pierce, of Tennessee, led the debate away from the dry point of order and proceeded to read a lecture to his Democratic colleagues. What (he asked) had come over the spirit of the dream of the Democratic party? Was it going to back down and go back on its record? A similar amendment to the one now presented had been offered by Mr. Bland to a similar clause in the sundry civil bill of last year.

It had been ruled out and an appeal had been taken. On sustaining the chair the vote stood yeas 134, nays 127. Of the 127 negative votes but nine were cast by Republicans. Many of the Democrats who had voted nay then were on the floor to-day, and he had seen them stand up and vote the other way. What had brought about the great change? Was this consistency? The people would not be deceived by any such demagoguery as this. [Laughter.]

The chair said that he had heard nothing to change his opinion that the amendment was not germane, and he therefore ruled the amendment as modified out of order.

Mr. Bland appealed from the decision, but the committee sustained the decision of the chair by a vote of 129 to 75.

Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, in speaking to a verbal amendment, ridiculed the Democratic party for its action on the silver question. He was several times interrupted by points of order that his remarks were not relevant to the pending question, but he managed to make himself heard, and stated that he wanted to give the Democrats free silver.

Mr. Cooper, of Indiana, (who had just

entered the hall) suggested that the metal that the gentleman was presenting was not silver--but brass. [Laughter.]

THE METHODISTS.

A Very Interesting Session of the General Conference Yesterday.

OMAHA, Neb., May 19.--Bishop Morrill to-day presided over the Methodist Episcopal General Conference.

Mr. Amos Shinkle introduced a resolution which provided that during the election proceedings all but the delegates should be excluded from the conference floor, and that in voting all the delegates stand until the tellers passed them collecting ballots, thus doing away with the call of the roll in voting. The resolution was adopted.

The election of editor of *Central Christian Advocate* was then taken up and several names placed in nomination. Before ballot was taken Bishop Morrill announced the election of Dr. Arthur Edwards as editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* by the last ballot taken on the previous day. Dr. Edwards got 307 votes out of a total of 458. The result appeared to be eminently satisfactory to the conference.

Dr. C. W. Smith was the only man nominated for the editorship of the *Pittsburgh Advocate*. His election was practically unanimous.

The conference decided to reconsider the motion by which the call for the presentations was shut off on May 18. It was decided to have one more full roll call for the introduction of resolutions.

A report of the committee on consolidation and benevolence was shot into the proceedings by a suspension of the regular order. It recommended that the educational society and the freedmen's aid and southern educational society be not consolidated. The report was adopted and again the friends of consolidation suffer defeat.

Then the regular order was taken up. It was the discussion of the time limit resolution touching the itinerancy.

Rev. R. J. Gray, of Pennsylvania, was opposed to the abolishment of the five year limit. It would be drifting toward congregationalism, he said, and would break up the whole plan of itinerancy. He said the abolishment of the time limit might help the better class of the churches, but would be hard on the weaker churches. It would create an oligarchy, a despotism composed of the bishops and presiding elders, he said, to abolish the five limit. He therefore offered a substitute for the minority report providing for the submission of the question to the annual conferences.

Bishop Frank, of New Hampshire, got the floor and made a stirring speech in favor of abolishing the limit on the pastorate. He said the time limit plan was a corpse and should be burned. Two ballots were taken for editor of the *Central Advocate*, and the second gave Dr. Jesse Bowman Young the election by a vote of 200 ballots out of 402.

Bishop Merrill announced the result of the ballot for editor of the *Northern Advocate*. Dr. J. E. Sawyer was elected by a very large majority.

Now the colored people were in it. The election of an editor for the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, which is a paper published especially for colored Methodists, interested them deeply. Dr. A. E. P. Albert, the editor for the past four years, is a colored man. He was renominated by Rev. Shumpert. Mr. Knox, of Kentucky, nominated Dr. E. W. S. Hammond. The ballot was taken and Mr. Field, of Philadelphia, got the floor during a ballot which ensued and delivered a scorching little speech, in which he deprecated the tendency of some of the delegates to trifle with the matter of electing official editors. Delegates had voted for Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist, and Mr. Field said he was mortified to think any member of the conference would ridicule this good woman by casting a trivial ballot with her name upon it. He called upon the delegates to desist from any such nonsense. He was tumultuously applauded.

The election of an editor for the *Methodist Apologist*, the German paper published at Cincinnati, was taken up. Dr. Wm. Nast, for many years editor of the *Apologist*, has decided to retire from the editorial chair. His son, Prof. A. J. Nast and Dr. J. L. Kestler were nominated for the position. Prior to taking the ballot, Bishop Merrill announced the result of the ballot for the *Southwestern Advocate*. E. W. S. Hammond got 244 votes and Dr. Albert 227. Hammond was elected.

The committee on church extension brought in a report favoring the election of an additional secretary for the work. A minority report also came in recommending that three assistant secretaries be elected. After some debate it was finally decided that the matter be laid over until the next day.

A. J. Nast was announced as the successful candidate in the election for editor of the *Methodist Apologist*. Dr. Hart was elected editor of the *Irish Underland*, another German paper. Dr. C. H. Payne was nominated as corresponding secretary of board of education. Dr. Bridgeman and Dr. T. B. Nealey were also nominated. The ballot was taken and then the conference adjourned.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

The General Body Convenes at Portland, Oregon--The First Day's Session.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19.--The one hundredth and fourth session of the Presbyterian general assembly opened to-day with an invocation by D. John G. Riedelhafer, of Redwood Falls, Minn.

Dr. Brown, of Portland, Ore., presented the report of the committee on arrangements. The report provides that the sessions be held from 9 a. m. until 12 a. m.; from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.; evening, 7:30, the latter to be popular meetings. The morning session closed with prayer. The first business of the afternoon session was to be the election of a moderator.

When the meeting was called to order in the afternoon Mr. George Junkin, of Philadelphia, gained the floor and moved that when the nominations for the moderators were made there should be no speeches allowed. The motion met with hearty response and was passed by an overwhelming vote. Immediately nine names were placed in nomination and balloting commenced. Rev. W. O. Young, of Centre College, Ky., was chosen on the third ballot. Adjourned at 6 o'clock until to-morrow.

Snow in Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 19.--Snow has been falling here tonight, and is generally thought throughout this state, Wisconsin and parts of Iowa.

AWFUL CALAMITY.

Mauritus, Famous For Hurricanes, Is Visited by the Greatest

IN ALL ITS KNOWN HISTORY.

Where Paul and Virginia Perished, Now Perish Hundreds -- Only Meagre Details, But the Loss of Life is Said to Be Appalling--People Caught in Their Falling Houses and Crushed to Death.

LONDON, May 19.--Advices received here from Mauritius state that a hurricane unprecedented in its violence passed over that island on April 29, causing enormous damage to shipping. A majority of the vessels at the island were blown ashore. The western half of Port Louis, the capital, was devastated. Houses were blown down, gigantic trees were uprooted and that part of the town was about wiped out of existence. The loss of life is appalling.

A large number of persons were caught in the falling houses and crushed to death, while others lost their lives by being struck by flying debris while they were attempting to seek places of safety. The exact number of dead is not known. Every effort is being made by the authorities to alleviate the suffering that has been caused by the disaster. The governor has issued orders for military tents to be distributed to shelter the homeless, and food is being issued to those who have lost everything by the storm.

Half of the crops of sugar, rice, coffee and pepper have been utterly ruined, and the loss in this direction is extremely heavy.

Mauritius, or as it is sometimes called, Isle of France, has always been noted for its violent and destructive hurricanes, but this one exceeds in destructiveness any hitherto known. The island lies in the Indian ocean and is well known as the scene of the famous story of "Paul and Virginia." In that story the author describes with great minuteness a terrible hurricane that passed over the island, during which Paul and Virginia lost their lives. But the horror of that scene was far exceeded by this last death-carrying wind that has thrown the whole island into mourning.

It is not in the power of words to describe the scene. The lowering skies and falling barometers gave warning of the approach of the storm. Taking warning from previous gales, everything possible was done to minimize the threatened damage. But when at last the gale burst, all the precautions proved of no avail. The shipping in the harbor sent down their topmasts, extra anchors were put down; cables were paid out, and everything was snug below and aft. Had it been an ordinary hurricane, the vessel might have successfully ridden out the storm. But so fierce was the storm that cables parted like pack thread, and the vessels were dashed upon the coral reefs that are so dangerous to navigation about the island.

ONE GOOD ACT

Performed by Gov. Flower--He Signs the Roesch Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 19.--Gov. Flower has signed Senator Roesch's bill which amends the factory inspection law in many important particulars. The bill provides that no women under 21 years of age and no persons under 18 years of age employed in any manufacturing establishment shall be required or permitted to work more than 60 hours a week or more than ten hours a day, unless for the purpose of making a shorter work day on the last day of the week. It is provided that no child under 15 years of age shall be employed in a manufacturing establishment to operate an elevator, and that no person under 18 years of age shall be employed to operate an elevator running at a speed at over 200 feet a minute.

The most important provision is that which will effectively do away with the sweating system in the large cities. In this regard the law provides that no room or rooms, apartment or apartments, in any tenement or dwelling shall be used for the manufacture of coats, vests, trousers, etc., excepting by the immediate members of the family living therein.

A Great Calamity.

ODESSA, May 19.--Dispatches have been received here telling of a catastrophe caused by an earthquake in Trans-Caucasia.

Only meagre details of the calamity have as yet been learned, but it is known that three villages near the fortified town of Erivan, on the Zenghi, have been destroyed, and that twenty-seven persons have been killed and a large number of others were injured.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding has written a letter to Representative Loud, of California, expressing the opinion that \$100,000 will be required for the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act, approved on the 5th inst., of which \$50,000 will be needed to defray the expenses of registration.

Mrs. Alice Beverly Crane, received her decree of divorce in South Dakota Wednesday, and at 11 o'clock yesterday morning was married at Sioux Falls to Henry T. H. Hewitson, of Aughnahey House, Kilkenny county, Ireland, a prominent leader of the Liberal Unionists party in England.

The President and Mrs. Harrison, accompanied by Dr. Garner, returned to Washington yesterday on the light-house steamer Jessamine. Mrs. Harrison is very weak and did not derive much benefit from the trip.

The department of state has received a cablegram announcing the death at Liverpool of John M. Anderson, United States consul general at Cairo, Egypt.

Oliver Curtis Perry, the New York train robber, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to forty-nine years and three months on four indictments.

The controller of the currency has called for a report of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Tuesday, May 17.

The senate committee on commerce yesterday, by a party vote, decided to report the North river bridge bill adversely.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS.

The Factions Come Together and Divide Up the Honors.

RICHMOND, Va., May 19.--The state Democratic convention met at noon today in the First Regiment armory. The building was gaily decorated with bunting, flags and streamers, but no likeness of any candidate was visible. All the noted Democratic politicians in the state are present. Senator John W. Daniel and ex-Governor Fitzhugh Lee walked up the aisle of the convention hall together. The body greeted them with tumultuous applause. At 12:35 Chairman Ellison, of the state committee, rapped the convention to order. He counseled harmony in the deliberations of the body and then announced temporary officers as follows: John P. Ryan, of Loudoun, temporary chairman, and James R. Fisher, secretary. Dr. M. D. Hoge offered prayer.

The congressional districts have elected delegates to Chicago as follows:

First, two Cleveland; second, two anti-Cleveland; third, one Cleveland and one anti-Cleveland; fourth, two anti-Cleveland; fifth, two anti-Cleveland; sixth, one Cleveland and one anti-Cleveland; seventh, two Cleveland; eighth, one Cleveland and one anti-Cleveland; ninth, two Cleveland; tenth, two anti-Cleveland.

On motion of Senator John W. Daniel it was resolved that inasmuch as all parties were agreed Marshall Hanger, of Augusta, be elected permanent chairman. Mr. Hanger is a Cleveland man, while the temporary chairman, Mr. Ryan, is an anti-Cleveland representative. This mode of organization was agreed to this morning by the leaders of the two factions.

Holmes Conrad and R. C. Kent were chosen, electors at large. Basil B. Gordon was elected chairman then the convention took a recess until 9:30 p. m.

The following delegates-at-large were elected by acclamation: John W. Daniel, S. W. Wolford Corbin, Basil B. Gordon and John Good. The first two are anti-Cleveland supporters and the two last are for Cleveland.

The platform adopted contained the following:

In view of the magnitude of the interests involved in the approaching presidential election, and remembering that the success of the cause which we hold so dear, can only be achieved, united and harmonious action and by the cultivation of a spirit of unselfish and disinterested patriotism, we resolve that in our deliberate judgment it is absolutely essential to the success of our candidates and our principles in the coming Presidential contest that all personal rivalries and jealousies among our leaders and their adherents should be buried and forgotten, and that we should cultivate a spirit of conciliation, concession and compromise, and that our watchword should be "everything for the cause and nothing for men."

Declared for Cleveland.

FRESNO, CAL., May 19.--The Democratic state convention adjourned last night after electing four delegates-at-large to the national convention and ratifying the nominations of seven district conventions. The delegates announced before the convention that they were in favor of the nomination of Grover Cleveland.

A Mixed Platform.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, May 19.--The Republican territorial convention was held here last evening. Strong resolutions were adopted endorsing Harrison's administration, free silver coinage, the lead tariff and the Republican organization of the territory.

Charters Granted.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., May 19.--Certificates of incorporation were issued to-day as follows: Steubenville Oil and Gas Company, with its principal office at Middle Ferry, Brooke county, fifteen hundred dollars is subscribed to the capital stock and privilege granted to increase to ten thousand dollars. The incorporators are Davidson Filson, R. Laughlin, Hugh Patterson, S. A. Laubheim, John H. Edgar, William Frensdenger, all of Steubenville, O.

The Home Building Association, with its principal office at Fairmont. The capital subscribed is eleven hundred and seventy dollars, and privilege is granted to increase to five hundred thousand. The incorporators are Clarence L. Smith, A. Howard Fleming, Frank E. Nichols, Frederick T. Martin, Sam R. Nuzum, Charles L. Skinner, Wm. L. Nuzum, Henry C. Sample and John Irvin, all of Fairmont.

What Caused the Explosion.

ROSLYNS, WASH., May 19.--The coroner's jury which has been investigating the cause of the explosion in the coal mine here a week ago, in which forty-five were killed, last evening found that the explosion was the result of deficient ventilation. The verdict will probably result in a large number of damage suits being brought against the company by relatives of the deceased miners.

Two Boys Drowned.

DUNSMUIR, CAL., May 19.--Wm. N. Rial attempted to ford the river at this place last evening with a wagon containing several boys. The wagon overturned and Tommy Murphy and W. C. Manson were drowned.

Masonic Hall Meeting.

In the new assembly hall in the I. O. O. F. building this evening a mass meeting of the Masons and their families is to be held. The object of the meeting is to enlist the craft in a supreme effort to build a Masonic temple. The following very attractive programme is announced:

Chairman.....Bro. J. A. Miller
Prayer.....Bro. R. K. Swape, D. D.
Opening Ode.....Brethren and friends
Address.....Bro. John White, P. G. M.
Address.....Bro. G. W. Atkinson, P. G. M.
Address.....Bro. R. K. Swape, D. D.
Ode--Level and Square.....Brethren and friends
Address.....Bro. Chas. J. Finkner, P. G. M.